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MITCHELL ON EXCLUSION

Champion on Anti-Chinese Immigration Made Great Speech Yesterday.

FIXED AMERICAN POLICY

Chinese Deemed Laborers Who are not Officials, Teachers, Students, Mechanics and Travelers.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Mr. Mitchell, in beginning, said that the policy of the Chinese exclusion had become one of the greatest policies of this country acquiesced in by all political parties and as firmly fixed as the Monroe doctrine. It is a policy based upon the general welfare, upon the principle of protection to American labor and upon the doctrine of protection against noxious infection of the institutions which constitute American civilization. The basic principles of the pending bill were embodied in existing legislation and such addition as has been proposed were approved by experience and were in accord with the decisions of the courts. The framers of the measure had endeavored to make it as effective as possible as a restrictive measure while keeping steadily in view all necessary means of protection against fraud. An effort has been made to liberalize those provisions relating to the exempted classes. No radical departure was proposed from the statutes now in operation. The bill being a virtual codification of the existing laws and regulations concerning the admission to this country of Chinese persons. The aim of the framers was carefully to avoid anything which might give just cause for offense to the Chinese Empire and to an extent at least, it was a more liberal measure, so far as the exempted class were concerned than that which is now on the statute books.

Mr. Mitchell then entered on an extended analysis of the proposed measure, making his explanation of its provisions in the light of the decisions of the highest courts relating to Chinese exclusion which have been rendered since the enactment of the Geary act. The theory on which the measure was constructed, he said, is not that all Chinese persons who are not prohibited, may enter this country; but upon the contrary, the legislation proceeds upon the theory that only those are allowed to enter who are especially allowed. Therefore, every Chinese person shall be deemed a laborer, within the meaning of the bill, who is not an official, a teacher, a merchant or a traveler for pleasure. Referring to the regulations in the measure for the prevention of fraud, Mr. Mitchell said that no one could question successfully the authority of congress to establish and enforce all necessary rules which would operate as statutory safeguards against fraud and which would test properly the good faith of Chinese persons claiming to belong to one or another of the exempted classes. He held that this government never would barter away its inalienable right to inhibit the coming to this country of any class of people from any country on earth, if in the judgment of congress such persons would be objectionable. Mr. Mitchell expressed the belief that the constitutionality of the proposed measure could not be challenged successfully.

"It is in line," he said, "with the overwhelming sentiment of this country. It is not when viewed from the proper standpoint, in conflict with any existing treaty stipulations between the United States and China. Even if it were, this could be urged only as a policy objection and not one that for a moment would go to any lack of power in congress under the constitution to enact a law. It is legislation not only in line with public sentiment of this country, but also with the established policy of this government."

He pointed out that China had assented to the policy of exclusion and had not regarded such a policy on the part of the United States as hostile to the Empire of China. Further along, Mr. Mitchell said the proposed legislation, "is but another grand step forward by this republic in

the majestic and progressive march of true Americanism, which looks to protection of American labor and to the preservation, purity and perpetuity of American institutions. It is a grand step in the decision of freeing our people and our institutions from the corrupting and corroding influences of pauper labor and those virulent and destructive vices so inseparably connected with the lower classes of Asiatic serfdom and whose poisonous virus is permitted to permeate our body politics. Inevitably will lead to lamentable blight, pitiable decay and ultimate destruction. No higher duty rests upon the national congress than to guard with scrupulous care and untiring vigilance the doors which stand between us and foreign nations, to the end that no classes of people of any nation whatever be permitted to enter whose presence, in the judgment of the American congress, would be a menace to the virile growth and preservation of these institutions which go to make our republic what it is today, the most healthy and vigorous, morally, intellectually and otherwise, of any nation that has ever lived since the beginning of time.

"The right to exclude foreigners is one of the highest attributes which attaches to American sovereignty. In-

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UNSUCCESSFUL PLOT

TO BLOW UP NAVAL DOCKS AT ESQUIMALT.

Men Sent to Carry Out Plan but Backed Out.—Arranged in San Francisco.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 4.—A special from Vancouver, B. C., to the Call says:

Ex-Premier Charles A. Semlin has just made public the fact that a plot to blow up the naval docks and fortress at Esquimalt was discovered and frustrated in 1900. The plan, it is alleged, was arranged in San Francisco by members of the Clan Na Gael. It is asserted that two men were sent from San Francisco for the purpose of carrying out the blowing up of the docks. Their names, as learned by the British consul at San Francisco were Denny McDermot and Albert Renvieker, the former an Irishman and the latter a native of Belgium.

The information communicated by the consul at San Francisco was that at a meeting of the Clan Na Gael means were discussed of how to aid the Boers in their war against Great Britain. When the meeting was called at first there was no intention to use force, but McDermot, who was present, offered to go to Esquimalt and attempt a bold blow by dynamiting as much as possible of the forts and the navy docks there. He asked for the naming of a companion to assist him in the deed. Renvieker offered himself and was accepted. The two men were closely shadowed by detectives. Reaching Esquimalt, Renvieker became alarmed and disappeared. McDermot was then marched between two marines to a wharf and sent back to San Francisco by steamer. Courtenay Walter Bonnett, the British consul general in this city confirmed the story from Vancouver. He would give no further information except that it was the work of a society affiliated with Fenian organizations. Irishmen who are prominent in the local patriotic society emphatically deny that there ever was a branch of the Clan Na Gael in this city. They also state they know of no Irishmen of the names mentioned in the Vancouver dispatch who could possibly be implicated in any plot against the British naval station.

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MERGER SUIT IS NOW FILED

State of Minnesota Will Do Battle in Courts With Railroads.

PAPERS SERVED ON HILL

Restraining Orders Asked which if Granted will Check the Forming of Combine.

ST. PAUL, Minn., April 4.—The state of Minnesota today began its merger suit at home. The bill of complaint in the suit of the state against the Great Northern Securities Company, J. J. Hill, as president of the Northern Securities Company and individual, was served this afternoon on Hill in his various capacities. The papers attending the recital of the facts are those heretofore published. The court was asked to make orders restraining the merger as contrary to the law, from the interchange of stock, from the interfering by one road with the other road and from the right of one set of directors to vote in the other corporation.

THE BLITTER OF GOLD.

Is Drawing Capital and Labor to Thunder Mountain.

SPOKANE, April 4.—A Grangeville, Idaho, special to the Spokesman-Review, says:

Four men arrived here today from Thunder Mountain, making a record-breaking trip for pedestrians. They report the camp is wildly excited. It is impossible to retain men in the Dewey properties, as everybody wants to prospect for himself. As a result the mill is shut down and only six men are working in the mine. The camp is swarming with the representatives of capital, and more are coming in every day. The latest stampede was to Indian Creek, 20 miles south. The snow there is six feet deep, and only snow locations are being staked. The claim owners are advancing prices, and the camp expects a phenomenal rush.

EXCLUSION BILL IN HOUSE

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The house today began the consideration of the Chinese exclusion bill. No opponents of the general principle of exclusion appeared, but members were divided in their support of the two bills. Hitt, of Illinois; Perkins, of New York, and Adams, of Pennsylvania, supported the majority bill, and Clark, of Missouri; Kahn, of California, and Napen, of Massachusetts spoke for the minority substitute.

FILLING PLACES OF STRIKERS

BUTTE, Mont., April 4.—New men are rapidly being found to fill the places of the hoisting engineers of the Amalgamated Copper Mining Company, who walked out and tied up nine of the biggest producers of the company. The Brotherhood of Engineers is assisting the company in securing crews.

MANCHURIAN CONVENTION.

LONDON, April 4.—In a dispatch to the Times from Peking in which the advantages secured by China in the revised Manchurian convention are indicated, the correspondents say that China submitted this convention to Great Britain and the United States, and that all three powers expressed approval of it.

WORKED THE MAILS.

Spokane Student Saved Eight Cents by Using Imitation Stamps.

SPOKANE, April 4.—A Spokane student attached imitation stamps to four letters and sent them through the mails. As a result, every business college in the United States must quit the use of these play stamps and the factory must quit printing them. The

stamps bear the words "imitation postage," but the letters are very small and the imitation was close enough to carry four letters to their destination. One went to the dead letter office and, it is supposed, came under the eyes of the Washington officials.

DANISH WEST INDIES

COPENHAGEN, April 4.—There was an exciting debate on the Danish West Indies Islands treaty in the executive session of the Landthing today. There is great public interest in the question and agitation, and the excitement is intense. Both sides are confident of success.

FENCE OUT MONTANIANS.

Canadian Government Will Place Wire Fence on Boundary Line.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 4.

Word has reached the city that the Canadian government has appropriated \$10,000 to build a barbed wire fence along the boundary between Montana and the Dominion, extending from St. Mary's Lake to Sweet Grass Hills.

DOTSON WAS HANGED

ALREADY IN FOR LIFE HAD HIS FATHER KILLED.

The First Murder was for Money and the Second for Release from Prison.

DEER LODGE, Mont., April 4.—Clinton Dotson was hanged today at 11:30 a. m. for participation in the murder of his father.

The crime for which Dotson paid the extreme penalty of the law today was one unique in criminal annals. Dotson was serving a life sentence for the murder of Eugene Cullinane, an old pioneer miner of Washington Gulch. Cullinane was said to have accreted in his cabin vast wealth as the result of his mining, and this Dotson is supposed to have been after. Cullinane was ambushed and shot down near his home. Dotson's father, a neighbor of Cullinane, was one of the principal witnesses against him at the trial.

James McArthur was Dotson's cell mate in the penitentiary, and with him Dotson plotted the crime for which he died. McArthur was serving a short term and upon his release from prison was to proceed to Washington Gulch, assassinate Dotson's father and to pin on the body a confession declaring that the elder Dotson had murdered Cullinane and that the son was innocent of the crime. This confession, it was expected, would free Dotson.

Dotson promised McArthur half of \$15,000, which he claimed he had buried in Wyoming, after he had killed the old man.

LANE GET LIFE SENTENCE.

PHILADELPHIA, April 4.—Wm. H. Lane, who murdered Ellen J. Jordan and her daughters Madeline and Eloise, was convicted of murder in the first degree.

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CONFESSES A TERRIBLE CRIME

Fifteen Year Old Boy Confesses the Murder of Samuel Collins.

HE WAS ASKED TO DO IT

But Officers Think Other Boys Helped Him to Get Rid of an Evil Genius. In Salt Lake.

SALT LAKE, April 4.—Clyde Felt barely 15 years old today confessed to the police that it was he who cut the throat of Samuel Collins, the aged watchman of the Wasatch Mineral Springs, whose body was found last Sunday in a cave in the hillside above Warm Springs. The deed was done, the boy claims, only after repeated urging by the old man, who told the boy that he intended to kill himself anyway, as he was tired of living. After cutting Collins' throat, Felt says he walked up the entrance to the cave, Collins, he said, had given him money for killing him.

Police believe that the boy has not told all of the story and are working upon the theory that others were implicated. Behind the crime is a story of moral degeneracy that has few parallels.

Collins, according to the police, had a number of the boys in the neighborhood completely under his influence, and expressed the belief that his death was the culmination of a plot on the part of the boys to kill the old man and thus rid themselves of his malign influence.

THE RAY BILL FAVORED.

By the House Committee on Judiciary.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—The house committee on judiciary today decided to substitute the bill of Chairman Ray, dealing with anarchy and attempts on the president's life for the senate bill recently passed on the same subject. The Ray bill goes further than that of the senate, providing for the exclusion of anarchists and also for the suspicion of incendiary propaganda.

ONLY FOURTEEN LEFT.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 4.—Thirty-three wing shots made a straight score of 25 birds today in the Grand American Handicap, and at the end of the 18th round of the shootoff 14 men remained who had not yet missed a bird.

RHODES' WILL

LONDON, April 4.—According to the Daily Telegraph, the will of Cecil Rhodes deals with a total of £4,000,000.

BASEBALL

BUTTE, Mont., April 4.—A special to the Miner from Helena says the Helena baseball team expects to leave Tuesday for Walla Walla.